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REMARKS

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Information

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1. On 7 January 1954, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne in Bernau was still occupied as was observed before. Soldiers engaged in close-order drill and firing practice in the barracks yard, while about 300 other troops engaged in field training at Wandlitz training grounds. The tanks were parked in the garages. 25X1

2. On 7 January, the army clothing depot No I was occupied. Artillery pieces, prime movers and trucks were parked in sheds. From 60 to 80 soldiers practiced gun drill. About 30 soldiers equipped with gas masks, rifles, submachine guns and light machine guns left for field training almost daily. 25X1

3. On 12 January, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne was occupied to capacity. On 23 December, soldiers engaged in technical work on 25 T-34 and T-34/85 tanks in the garages on Schoenower Strasse. On 29 December, truck occupied by 8 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and towing a 57-mm AT gun moved out of the installation, heading for the training grounds. At about noon, 3 trucks, each occupied by 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying rifles and light field equipment moved out of the installation toward Wandlitz. T-34/85 left the installation toward the training grounds on 30 December. About 10 soldiers constructed shelters just near the north gate. On 7 January, 3 BA-64 armored scout cars moved into the installation. At about 4:30 p.m., 21 soldiers with spades and shovels entered the installation. On 11 January, a 132-mm rocket launcher entered the installation. 25X1

4. On 12 January, the army clothing depot No I was occupied to capacity. On 4 January, noise and shouting of orders was heard from the billeting area.

5. At about 9:30 a.m. on 5 January, a convoy of 10 trucks moved along the Bernau-Wandlitz road near the intersection of the autobahn and the road. On 6 January, trucks B 5-00-04, and / 4-27-56, and about 80 soldiers wearing red-bordered

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black epaulets were seen in Forest Section No 26, northwest of Ladeburg at the autobahn. On 7 January, trucks [redacted] 4 other trucks and about 120 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen there. Four triangles arranged in a row and with rounded corners and each side about 4.5 meters long were surrounded by piles of wood driven into the ground and filled with earth.²

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1. [redacted] Comment. According to weapons and tank [redacted] the 35th Gds Mecz Regt and the 52d Gds RL Bn of the 6th Gds Mecz Div can be confirmed in the Luftnachrichten Kaserne. The army clothing depot No I is still carried as quartering the 71st Light Arty Brig [redacted] The bulk of the motor vehicle [redacted] are carried with the division or Fourth Gds Mecz Army. [redacted] 25X1
2. [redacted] Comment. It is possible that an ammunition dump for the 71st Light Arty Brig (US) will be established in Forest Section No 26. 25X1

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